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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)) Master File
ANTITRUST LITIGATION) No. CV-07-5944 SC
This document relates to:) MDL No. 1917
ALL ACTIONS) ORDER DENYING
) DEFENDANTS'
) ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION
) TO FILE CONFIDENTIAL
) DOCUMENTS UNDER SEAL

Defendants Panasonic Corporation of North America, Panasonic Corporation, and MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. ("Defendants") brought an Administrative Motion pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) and the Stipulated Protective Order of June 18, 2008, seeking to file certain documents under seal. ECF No. 880 ("Mot."). Specifically, Defendants request permission to file under seal Defendants' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Rule 11, the Declaration of Jeffrey Kessler in Support of Defendants' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Rule 11, and Exhibits A through Q attached thereto. Id. Defendants contend that these documents should be filed under seal because they contain information designated as confidential by Defendant Chungwa Picture Tubes, Ltd. ("Chungwa"). Id. at 2.

Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) provides that a party who wishes to

1 file a document that has been designated confidential by another
2 party pursuant to a protective order, or who wishes to refer in a
3 memorandum or other filing to information so designated by another
4 party, must file an administrative motion for a sealing order with
5 the Court and lodge the document, memorandum, or other filing with
6 the Court. If only a portion of the document, memorandum, or
7 other filing is sealable, the submitting party must also lodge
8 with the Court a redacted version to be placed in the public
9 record if the Court approves the requested sealing order. Id.
10 The designating party -- in this case Chungwa -- then has seven
11 days to preserve the information's confidentiality by filing and
12 serving a "declaration establishing that the designated
13 information is sealable" and "a narrowly tailored proposed sealing
14 order." Id. "If the designating party does not file its
15 responsive declaration as required by this subsection, the
16 document or proposed filing will be made part of the public
17 record." Id.

18 Here, Defendants have not lodged with the Court the Motion
19 and supporting declaration they wish to file under seal,¹ and
20 Chungwa has not filed the required declaration and narrowly
21 tailored proposed sealing order. Defendants' Administrative
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24 ¹ Defendants state that the Motion and supporting declaration
25 should be filed under seal because they "contain information"
26 designated confidential by Chungwa. Mot. at 2. This language
27 suggests that only select portions of the documents Defendants seek
to file are sealable. If this is true, then Defendants should
lodge with the Court a redacted version of the documents to be
placed in the public record in accordance with Civil Local Rule 79-
5(d).

1 Motion to file documents under seal is therefore DENIED. The
2 Court will STAY this Order for fifteen days so that the parties
3 may take appropriate measures to comply with the Civil Local
4 Rules.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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8 Dated: March 31, 2011
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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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